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October Farm Labor

For the Mountain I Region of the U.S. (Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming), there were 22,000 hired workers on farms and ranches during the week of October 10-16, 2010, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Hired workers worked an average of 45.2 hours during the survey week at an average wage of \$10.60 per hour.

Nationally, farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$11.13 per hour during the October 2010 reference week, up 20 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$10.49 per hour, up 27 cents from last October, while livestock workers earned \$10.27 per hour compared with \$10.28 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$10.43 per hour, was up 19 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 41.7 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up 7 percent from a year ago.

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